

A Message of Hope and Glad Tidings to Our People in Egypt Part 8

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In the name of Allah, and all praise be to Allah, and may prayers and peace be upon the Messenger of Allah, his family, his companions, and those who followed him.

O Muslim brothers everywhere, As-Salaamu Alaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakaatuhu:

This is the eighth episode of "A Message of Hope and Glad Tidings to Our People in Egypt," and I ask the permission of the noble viewer to leave its context again in order to focus on what happened in Cairo relating to clashes between the army and Coptic Christians.

But before getting started with my speech, I would like to begin my talk with two congratulations and a greeting, and then conclude with a message of support and substantiation.

As for the congratulations and the prayer, they are for the prisoners among our people in Palestine. Allah - the Glorious and Exalted - provided them salvation from the plight of imprisonment and detention. All praise be to Allah for that great gift, and I take this opportunity to remind them to believe firmly that the one who gave them freedom is the Glorious Lord alone. The reasons that appear are just tools of the might of Allah that the Glorious One conducts as He desires. So, they must direct their praise, appreciation, and thanks to the Lord - the Glorious and Exalted - and worship Him faithfully and outwardly and inwardly. They must realize that this release is a new test. Just as they were tested with distress, they are tested today with hope, and they are tested with both conditions. The Lord, the Glorious and Exalted, said through the tongue of His Prophet Musa - peace be upon him - to his people:

﴿ قَالَ عَسَىٰ رَبُّكُمْ أَن يُهْلِكَ عَدُوُّكُمْ وَيَسْتَخْلِفَكُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ فَيَنْظُرَ كَيْفَ تَعْمَلُونَ ﴾

"He said: 'It may be that your Lord will destroy your enemy and make you inheritors in the earth; that so He may try you by your deeds.'" (Al-Araf: 129)

And thanks includes speech and deeds, and the Truth, the Glorious and Exalted, said:

﴿اعْمَلُوا آلَ دَاوُدَ شُكْرًا وَقَلِيلٌ مِّنْ عِبَادِيَ الشَّكُورُ﴾

“Work ye, sons of David, with thanks! But few of My servants are grateful!” (Saba: 13)

Whoever was a Mujahid from among them and a member of an Islamic movement, it is incumbent upon him to give what is left of his life to serving the religion of Allah the Magnificent. He must work, aspire, and struggle with everything he can in order to make the Shari'ah of Allah rule in his land, with no other law above it, and no other reference contesting it, and in order to liberate every inch of Palestine, all of Palestine, and every occupied region from the lands of Islam. He must not spare any effort in working to free the Muslim captives and bear the burden of his Muslim Ummah everywhere, just as the Muslim Ummah bears the burden of Palestine. And whoever among them is affiliated with a secular or nationalist movement, it is incumbent upon him to seize this opportunity to review what is left of his life and to remember that he is coming to his Lord after a long or short life, and that the Lord, the Glorious and Exalted, will question him about his support for His Shari'ah that He revealed to be followed, to rule, and to be implemented. The Truth, the Glorious and Exalted, said:

﴿وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا مِن رَّسُولٍ إِلَّا لِيُطَاعَ بِإِذْنِ اللَّهِ﴾

“We sent not an apostle, but to be obeyed, in accordance with the will of Allah.” (An-Nisa: 64)

And do not to forget that the secular and nationalist approaches have abandoned most of Palestine and were pleased with crumbs, which only the Muslims will cling to.

I further seize this opportunity to remind the families of the captives upon whom Allah bestowed the return of their beloved ones, to give thanks for this blessing with increased obedience to Allah, comply with His Shari'ah, striving to obey Him, stay away from sinning against Him, purify their homes from everything that goes against Islam, raise their sons and daughters to memorize the Book of Allah, be attentive to their prayers, and to apply the Hijab and the morals of Islam in their appearance and behavior.

I would also like to remind our people in Palestine and all of the Muslims in the world that the release of these prisoners was not completed through negotiations sponsored by - what they call - international legitimacy, and not through national unity with those who sold Palestine but came through Jihad, martyrdom, resistance, and sacrifice. This is the path to victory, so let's be steadfast on it.

I ask Allah the Glorious to lead our freed imprisoned brothers to obey Him, offer thanks for His grace, and support His religion, and I also ask Him, the Glorious, to expedite the release of all Muslim prisoners soon, and to grace us with a powerful victory and a distinguished conquest until we see all of the lands of Islam liberated from foreign dominance and internal corruption, so that then they will be united under the shade of a single Ca-

liphate.

﴿وَيَوْمَئِذٍ يَفْرَحُ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ بِنَصْرِ اللَّهِ يَنْصُرُ مَنْ يَشَاءُ وَهُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الرَّحِيمُ﴾

“On that Day shall the Believers rejoice with the help of Allah. He helps whom He will, and He is exalted in might, most merciful.” (Ar-Room: 4-5)

That was the congratulations and the prayer. As for the greeting, it is to the heroes who bombed the gas pipeline to Israel for the fifth time, these heroes who expressed their right to express the dignity of the Muslim Egyptian people stationed and defending Islam and Muslims. May Allah protect the lives of these heroes who rejuvenated the hope in the hearts of their Ummah that its sons are continuing their covenant with their Lord. They do not rest, do not quit, and remain restless until they see that Bait al-Maqdis has been freed from the disgraceful Zionists and the state of the Islamic Caliphate has been established ruling over the lands of Islam with strength, honor, and freedom.

I ask Allah to make the Mujahideen of Islam steadfast on the path of sacrifice and Jihad, to bestow them with patience and determination for the hardships along the path, to accept their good work, and to reward them with the best of rewards in this world and the hereafter.

I repeat what I mentioned in a previous speech that just the supply of gas to Israel is a crime, even if it is higher than the market price. So what do we think if it arrives in Israel at less than the market price, and it subsequently is a compounded crime that Hosni Mubarak began and the ruling military council continues.

The military council and its media considered those who broke into the Israeli embassy as criminals, while they consider those who are striving to preserve it as patriots.

They described those who broke into it as breaking the law and international agreements, but they forgot that popular revolutions break corrupt laws, the treacherous treaties, and the unjust conditions, and isn't the revolution just breaking a corrupt, deep-seated situation? One of its most prominent signs in Egypt is the maintenance of the security of Israel and abetting it against our people in Palestine and empowering it to threaten the security of Arabs and Muslims. The Israeli embassy was an ugly symbol and a shameless landmark for all of these evil deeds. The removal of the Israeli embassy is an essential goal of the Egyptian revolution, which happened in order to repudiate the unjust laws and the treacherous treaties.

The noble and powerful popular rage against the Israeli embassy that was also against the submission to American policy and Zionist arrogance must continue if the Egyptian revolution wants to obtain its goals.

The Egyptian revolution will only obtain its goals if the Muslim people in Egypt found a powerful state that governs by Islam, is independent from foreign influence, and is free from internal corruption.

It is incumbent upon the Egyptian people to remember their role in history, as Egypt and its people were the castle of defense for Islam and Arabdom, and that responsibility continues today. The Egyptian revolution will not succeed in achieving its goal if it does not return Egypt to that role.

As for the second congratulations, it is to the Muslim Ummah, the Mujahideen, and our people in Libya, especially in Misrata, for the martyrdom of the Sheikh, scholar, Mujahid, steadfast, emigrant, leader, Amir, gentle, wise, upright, instructor, bringer of harmony, gatherer of the ranks, highly moral, meritorious, speaker of the truth, and supporter of Islam, the indubitable, the righteous, the esteemed Sheikh Abu Abd al-Rahman Jamal Ibrahim Ishtiwi al-Misrati, famously known as Sheikh Attiyat Allah, may Allah's boundless mercy be upon him and may He give him His generous reward for his emigration, Jihad, steadfastness, his seeking of knowledge and spreading it, and his sacrifice for it. He was martyred, may Allah have mercy on him, on the twenty-third of the blessed month of Ramadan by a bombing from a Crusader spy airplane. He left for the highest companion with his son Isam, may Allah's boundless mercy be upon them. Previously, the Sheikh commended his son Ibrahim to the protection of his Lord, the Most Merciful and Forgiving, as a martyr, as we consider them. He was killed in a second bombing to which he was subjected after surviving the first bombing when he was with Sheikh Abu al-Laith al-Libi, may Allah's boundless mercy be upon him. Sheikh Abu al-Laith, may Allah have mercy on him, was martyred, and Ibrahim survived. May Allah have mercy upon this emigrating, steadfast, and Jihad family that presented its chief and his own children defending the flag of Islam, Tawhid, and Jihad in disdain of the criminal Crusaders ruling the lands of Islam and the homelands of Muslims, where they wreak havoc, humiliate their children, and force them into serving the Western, polytheist, and deviant order.

The Sheikh sent me a message he had written a few days before his martyrdom, bringing me the good news of many advances in Afghanistan, such as the attack on the American military camp in Wardak. He informed me that no less than eighty Americans were killed, so that Petraeus was forced to come to Afghanistan to inspect the catastrophe himself. And he informed me of the downing of a Chinook helicopter, killing about thirty American soldiers from the force that participated in killing Sheikh Usama bin Laden, may Allah have mercy on him. And he informed me of many other operations in Kabul and other parts of Afghanistan. And he brought me the good news of the coming advance on Tripoli at the hands of the Mujahideen. And the Sheikh spent the night before his martyrdom awake following the news of the advance on Tripoli at the hands of his brother Mujahideen.

And Allah the Almighty and Wise willed that the Sheikh join the martyrs of the advance on Tripoli - with Allah's permission and His mercy - in the gardens and the rivers in a seat of truth by the Determiner King.

Sheikh Attiyat Allah does not need an introduction, for his perfumed and pure biography is known and widespread. He spent his life - may Allah have mercy on him - among the fields of Jihad, journeys of emigration, studying knowledge, and positions of guidance,

education, and leadership. He immigrated - may Allah have mercy on him - to Afghanistan during the time of the Russian occupation. After the end of the invasion and the appearance of the Pakistani-American signs of treachery towards the Arab Mujahideen in Afghanistan who participated in the liberation of Afghanistan and the defense of the Pakistani border, he immigrated - may Allah have mercy on him - to the Sudan. He then immigrated to Mauritania to seek knowledge, and for about three years, he drank from the flood of the spring of its scholars. Then, he immigrated to Algeria to participate in the Jihad with the Armed Islamic Group, and he had a bitter experience with them. Then, he again immigrated to Afghanistan with the establishment of the Islamic Emirate there, and he worked teaching at the Arabic school in Kabul. The Sheikh was successful in calling to Jihad, supporting the Mujahideen, and refuting the lies and suspicions directed at them, and he was also successful at directing the affairs of the Mujahideen. Allah bestowed upon him wide acceptance among all the groups of the Mujahideen in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

The Sheikh was writing and speaking with a nickname by which he was known, which was Attiyat Allah. And when the Libyan events took place, and when companies of Mujahideen from the garrisoned, Mujahid, Muslim, Libyan people went forth to revolt against the atheist tyrant who surrendered to the West, Gaddafi, in that moment, the Sheikh decided to participate with his statements and incite his people and his brothers in Libya. So, he released his message, "A Salutation to Our People in Libya" with his real name, to tell his relatives, brothers, and sons in Libya and in Misrata, "I am with you, and I am your brother. You are my people. I am from you, and you are from me. I was hoping to be with you, but I am engaged in fighting and Jihad with our and your enemies, the enemies of Islam and Muslims, the Americans and the Crusader NATO."

This garrisoned, emigrant Mujahid went to his Lord as a martyr, and the last stop in the journey of his emigration was to his Lord as a martyr, when the criminal Crusaders shed his blood and ripped his body apart with a missile.

[Poetry]

ركزوا رفاتك في الرمال لواء * * * يستنهض الوادي صباح مساء
يا ويجهم نصبوا منارا من دم * * * يوحى إلى جيل الغد البغضاء
جرح يصيح على المدى وضحية * * * تتلمس الحرية الحمراء
خبرت فاخترت المبيت على الطوى * * * لم تبين جاها أو تلم ثراء
لم تبق منه رحي الوقائع أعظما * * * تبلى ولم تبق الرماح دماء
كرفات نسر أو بقيّة ضيغم * * * باتا وراء السافيات هباء

They implant your remains in the sand as a banner *** that rouses the valley morning through

evening.

Woe unto them! They erected a beacon of blood *** that imbues hatred in the generation of tomorrow.

An injury that screams across the distance, and a sacrifice *** searching for bloody freedom.

You were given a choice, so you chose to spend the night hungry. *** You neither established prestige nor gathered wealth.

The battles left him without bones, *** and the spears left him with no blood.

Like the remains of an eagle or lion *** that turned to dust in the sand.

The scholar, emigrant Mujahid left, and revenge for him remains on our necks and the necks of all Muslims, all the people of Libya, and all the people of Misrata. We must take revenge – with Allah's permission - on those Western Crusaders who killed him and his two sons and killed hundreds of thousands of our sons, brothers, women, and Sheikhs. They occupied our countries, stole our wealth, established their agents to rule over us, and implanted Israel among us as an advancing power for them which guards their interests and threatens our existence and future with its nuclear bombs.

After these two congratulations, the prayer, and this greeting, I return to the primary issue of this speech about the clashes between the Coptic Christians and the army. This is a critical and serious topic, and it must be discussed with wisdom, strength, and frankness, and I ask Allah for assistance with that.

With Allah's grace upon the Mujahideen, they are the most frank in speaking the truth and declaring it. They paid the price for their freedom, frankness, and courage with emigration, garrisoning, fighting, separation from their families, countries, and money, and with patience on the battlefield and in detention camps. Sheikh Usama Bin Laden - may Allah have mercy on him - used to mention that we have no limit on our freedom except the Shari'ah, because we breathe in the pure oxygen of freedom. This is confirmed by the Truth, the Glorious and Exalted, Who says:

﴿وَمَنْ يُهَاجِرْ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ يَجِدْ فِي الْأَرْضِ مُرَاعِمًا كَثِيرًا وَسَعَةً﴾

“He who forsakes his home in the cause of Allah, finds in the earth Many a refuge, wide and spacious.” (An-Nisa: 100)

And in the beginning, I would like here to repeat our position towards the Coptic Christians, that we are not trying to fight them, because we are preoccupied with a battle with the largest enemy of the Ummah, and because they are our partners in the homeland in which we would like to live in peace and stability with them.

I also think that our position of the military council is not hidden; we have declared it from the first day. This council is the council of Mubarak's men whom America imposed in an

attempt to absorb the anger of the Egyptian people.

All praise be to Allah, because the Islamic groups weren't participating in these events. Instead, these events were between two parties with each being loyal to America. Otherwise, the funeral would be in session now in the Security Council.

So, in my discussion of what happened, I will try to describe the facts as they are in order to warn the Ummah and to make them aware of the enormous dangers that surround it.

In the beginning, we cannot understand what really happened - and what is happening and what is intended to happen - except by seeing the big picture around us of the Arab and Islamic world. We cannot understand the reality of the events without recalling what happened in Sudan and Iraq and what is intended to happen in the Arabian Peninsula, and moreover, what happened in the last two centuries by devouring the State of the Caliphate bit by bit. Then, the dual ruling agreement in Sudan and the law of the closed regions in it, and then the Sykes-Picot agreement which was a part of the Russian-British-French agreement to divide the State of the Caliphate after the end of World War I, and then the separation of Bangladesh from Pakistan and East Timor from Indonesia, at a time when the states that have control over the world insist on keeping Kashmir with India and Chechnya as part of Russia.

Therefore, before us is a plan for dividing and fragmenting the Islamic world which exploits, inflates, or provokes a problem, and then the Western propaganda machine starts crying about injustices and oppression, then supports the secessionist movements, and then the great criminals who control the world in the Security Council decide for military intervention and recognition of the new state.

So, before talking about the problem of building a church here or demolishing a church there, we have to go back a little to think about the phenomenon of Nazeer Gayed who became Pope Shenouda III in the early seventies, and since that moment, he has not ceased to try to spread his belief that the Muslims had occupied Egypt, and they must be expelled, just as they were expelled from Andalusia, and that it is the right of the Orthodox Copts to establish their own independent state. He also does not stop - through the support of the Coptic Diaspora and their organizations - from crying about injustices that the Copts of Egypt are facing, as he claims.

And for the sake of this, Nazeer Gayed established a state within a state and sometimes above the state. In order to establish this state, he allied with Hosni Mubarak, and who among us can forget the support of Pope Shenouda and his church for Hosni Mubarak in the past presidential elections? This brings back to mind the church's alliance with the emperors and kings during the Middle Ages to oppress the masses.

Nazeer Gayed was not compelled to ally with Hosni Mubarak, and Nazeer Gayed is the last one who could be compelled in Egypt, but he himself was the one who compelled the state by waving the sword of America in every crisis.

So why we are talking about the remnants of the National Party and the pillars of the former regime who corrupted the political life in Egypt, and we demand their impeach-

ment and freezing their activities, and we are not talking about Nazeer Gayed? Didn't he promote that corruption, call for it, and support it?

The staff of Al-Azhar also was a supporter of the corruption of Hosni Mubarak. All praise be to Allah, I do not exalt anyone. The history of the former sheikh of Al-Azhar needs no repeating, and his failings are too famous to be mentioned. The current sheikh of Al-Azhar is the one who issued a fatwa prohibiting demonstrations during the Egyptian revolution, to the extent that the official spokesman of Al-Azhar submitted his resignation in protest of the staff of Al-Azhar's position toward the revolution because the staff of Al-Azhar now is no longer the staff of Al-Azhar, as it turned out to be a government mouthpiece and a machine to issue fatwas upon request. The sheikh of Al-Azhar is an employee who is appointed by the President of the Republic and moves according to his orders or the orders of the military council and even sometimes according to the orders of the officers of the State Security Investigations Service.

I must refer here to the serious responsibility entrusted to the scholars of Al-Azhar to release their Al-Azhar from the clutches of the government and the state security and to insist on choosing the sheikh of Al-Azhar from among them, and to establish their own union organization which guards them from the tyranny of the government so that Al-Azhar can lead the Ummah and speak the bitter truth in these dangerous conditions.

There is now a favorable opportunity for the scholars of Al-Azhar to be free from the government, and if they miss it, only Allah knows when it will return.

And I return again to the clashes between the Coptic Christians and the army, and I will clarify that the matter is larger than building a church and demolishing another.

Shenouda tries to impose a *fait accompli* by constructing churches without a license, and then pressing for a license.

There isn't a country in the world where it's possible to build a church or mosque without a license. In the last year, a mosque was banned from being constructed in Australia due to the locals' objections. We remember from a short time the dispute over building a mosque near the Twin Towers in New York, and the dispute was resolved only when the governor of New York state consented.

But what could not happen in America, America is encouraging in Egypt.

If Shenouda were seeking democracy - as he claims - it was expected from him, rather than imposing *de facto* churches - and he has more churches than he needs - to seek to pass a law through the parliament that regulates building churches, and then accept majority rule. This is democracy, isn't it? But Shenouda isn't pleased with any law unless it is in accordance with his desires and ambitions.

Shenouda doesn't care if there is a revolution in Egypt or not. He allies with both extremes to reach what he wants, which is establishing a Coptic state in Egypt in which he is its ruler and imposes upon it his inquisitions and prisons.

Then, if we talk about the law of building churches, we must note a larger problem with

Nazeer Gayed which is his dissatisfaction with passing a law or a constitution in Egypt that is based on the Islamic Shari'ah, so Nazeer Gayed is an archenemy and a severe adversary, and he doesn't accept its application even if the majority of the people choose it.

We don't expect that Nazeer Gayed will accept Islamic Shari'ah, but what Muslims cannot accept is for Nazeer Gayed to fight against Islamic Shari'ah while asking for help from the Americans in order to prevent it. And what cannot be understood by any intelligent person is for Nazeer Gayed and his followers to demand democracy on the condition that it corresponds to their desires and not what the majority of people want.

Nazeer Gayed's problem with Islam is larger than applying Islamic Shari'ah because he is facing a strong conversion movement inside his faction.

And the current conversion movement which is being suppressed by Shenouda is an extension of successive waves of conversion to Islam throughout history since the Islamic conquest of Egypt.

With Allah's granting of success, the impact of the current Islamic awakening was not limited only to Muslims but it even spilled over - with Allah's grace - to the Christians. Didn't Wafaa Constantine mention that one of the reasons for her conversion to Islam was what she had seen in the lessons of scientific miracles by Dr. Zaghloul El Naggar?

That Wafaa Constantine and her sisters are victims of the inquisitions of Nazeer Gayed is not mentioned with a single word from America or human rights agencies in the West for the simple reason that they converted to Islam, and how many times have we heard the Coptic Christians mourning their dead and saying that those killed are always Coptic Christians? So who killed Wafaa Constantine? Shenouda answered that question underestimating the minds of the listeners saying: "Where is her body? Is there a dead person without a body?" The body is with you in the tombs of your monasteries where the state cannot approach. Allah only knows how many prisons, victims, and martyrs are in these monasteries and churches.

Throughout the recent clashes, we have heard calls demanding an international investigation, intervention, and a separate state. These calls reflect a loss of balance because foreign bullying will only bring disasters. The Americans were defeated in Iraq and Afghanistan, and it is not expected that they will repeat this stupidity in Egypt. If so, this will be their last folly, with Allah's permission.

Therefore, I address the rational Christians to know that Nazeer Gayed is leading them to dire consequences, and the man has ambitions and dreams that are described in al-Mutanabbi's words:

[Poetry]

تصفو الحياة لجاهل أو غافل * * * عما مضى منها وما يتوقع
ولمن يغالط في الحقائق نفسه * * * ويسومها طلب المحال فتطمع

Life is untroubled for the ignorant or the heedless *** in what has passed and what is expected.

And whoever deceives himself about reality *** and demands the impossible will become greedy.

I also ask the Muslims in Egypt to have awareness, attention, and vigilance. I know that some will try to translate my words as threatening explosions and assassinations, and this is the media's policy with al-Qaeda and the Mujahideen in general. I am not threatening explosions and assassinations, but I am saying: the Muslims must be very vigilant, because the scheming around them is huge, dangerous, and ugly, and they are the targets.

I am not calling for fighting in Egypt at this moment. I repeat and emphasize "at this moment," as only Allah knows what will happen in the next moment. The battle now in Egypt is a battle of Da'wah, informing, explanation, and mobilizing the Ummah and making them aware in order to follow the path of salvation and to avoid the path of loss.

The rational people in Egypt must not allow those who want to convert it into Srebrenica or South Sudan to commit this sin. If they do not stop it, they will bring a disaster upon themselves and those who are with them.

[Poetry]

أرى خلل الرماد وميض جمر * * * ويوشك أن يكون له اضطرام

فإن النار بالعودين تذكى * * * وإن الحرب أولها كلام

وإن لم يطفئها عقلاء قوم * * * يكون وقودها جثث وهام

I see the embers flicker between the ashes *** and it is about to ignite.

The fire is kindled by two sticks, *** and indeed, war begins with words.

If the reasonable people do not extinguish it, *** its fuel will be bodies and heads.

Likewise, the Egyptian people in general and the Islamic movement in particular must keep the peace and protect non-Muslims who are not attacking Muslims because the Lord, the Glorious, says:

﴿لَا يَنْهَاكُمُ اللَّهُ عَنِ الَّذِينَ لَمْ يُقَاتِلُوكُمْ فِي الدِّينِ وَلَمْ يُخْرِجُوكُمْ مِنْ دِيَارِكُمْ أَنْ تَبَرُّوهُمْ وَتُقْسِطُوا إِلَيْهِمْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ الْمُقْسِطِينَ إِنَّمَا يَنْهَاكُمُ اللَّهُ عَنِ الَّذِينَ قَاتَلُوكُمْ فِي الدِّينِ وَأَخْرَجُوكُمْ مِنْ دِيَارِكُمْ وَظَاهَرُوا عَلَىٰ إِخْرَاجِكُمْ أَنْ تَوَلَّوْهُمْ وَمَنْ يَتَوَلَّهُمْ فَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الظَّالِمُونَ﴾

"Allah forbids you not, with regard to those who fight you not for your Faith nor drive you out of your homes, from dealing kindly and justly with them: for Allah loveth those who are just. Allah only forbids you, with regard to those who fight you for your Faith, and drive you out of your homes, and support others in driving you out, from turning to them for friendship and protection. It is such as turn to them in these circumstances, that do wrong." (Al-Mumtahana: 8-9)

They must do that because there is a widespread conversion movement among the Christians, and we must open our hearts and minds to it.

They must do that, because that is in the interest of Muslims. We are engaged in a major battle with America, the West, and Israel. And we cannot forget that Britain used the killing of the Maltese as an excuse to occupy Egypt.

I ask Allah, the Glorious, to protect Egypt from discord and the plots of the enemy, and to establish firmly an Islamic state which is governed by the Shari'ah, spreads justice, engages in consultation, liberates the lands of Islam, protects the rights of the weak, and fights corruption and the corrupt.

As for the message of support and substantiation, it is for our prisoners among the soldiers of al-Qaeda, the Taliban, and our oppressed female prisoners inside the prisons of the Crusaders and their supporters. I speak to them and say that we have never forgotten you and will not forget you with Allah's permission. And in order to release you, Allah, the Glorious and Exalted, helped us to capture the American Jew Warren Weinstein, the former employee currently contracted with the American government in the American aid program to Pakistan, which aims to wage war on the Jihad in Pakistan and Afghanistan. And as the Americans arrest all the people whom they suspect are linked with al-Qaeda or the Taliban, no matter how remote, we captured this man who has been involved in American aid to Pakistan since the seventies.

Our demands to release him are:

1. Fully lift the blockade on the movement of people and goods between Egypt and Gaza.
2. Stop all kinds of bombing by America and its allies in Pakistan, Afghanistan, Yemen, Somalia, and Gaza.
3. The release of all those who were arrested on charges of belonging to al-Qaeda or the Taliban, even if he were handed over to another country, such as Abu-Musab al-Suri, and even if he were a non-Muslim, and dropping all the charges against him, stopping any legal prosecution against him, and deporting him to the place that he chooses with dignity and honor.
4. The release of all the prisoners in Guantanamo and the American secret prisons and closing the detention camps and these prisons.
5. The release of Sayed Nosair and Ramzi Yusuf and those who are with them and dropping all the charges against them, stopping any legal prosecution against them, and deporting them to the place that they choose with dignity and honor.
6. The release of Sheikh Umar Abdul Rahman, dropping all the charges against him, stopping any legal prosecution against him, and returning him back to his homeland with dignity and honor.

7. The release of Sheikh Usama bin Laden's family, not charging them, returning them to their homeland with dignity and honor, and stopping any investigations or prosecutions of them.

8. The release of all the female prisoners who were arrested on charges of belonging to al-Qaeda or the Taliban, such as Aafia Siddiqui, Hasnaa, the widow of Abu-Hamza al-Muhajir - may Allah have mercy upon him - and others, dropping all the charges against them, stopping any legal prosecution against them, and deporting them to the place that they choose with dignity and honor.

Before concluding my speech, I would like to send a message to the captive's family, and I say to them:

Your government is torturing our prisoners, and we didn't torture your prisoner. Your government signed the Geneva Conventions and then threw it in the garbage, while we did not sign the Geneva Conventions, yet we treat your prisoner generously. This is one.

Secondly, I caution you about Obama's lying and quibbling. He hopes that this man will be killed to relieve himself from this problem. Obama is a liar. He lied, he is lying, and he will lie. He may say to you: "I have worked hard in order to release your relative, but al-Qaeda is inflexible." Do not believe him. He may say to you: "I tried to contact them, but they did not answer." Do not believe him. He may say to you: "I am doing my best to release your relative." Do not believe him.

Thirdly, I confirm to you that your problem is not with us but with Obama. We are demanding just demands based on releasing our prisoners and stopping the aggression that your government is practicing against us. So, continue applying pressure on Obama if you want the return of your relative. Obama has the power, ability, and authority to release your relative. With a simple signature from him, he can solve the problem in seconds. Obama can free your relative or leave him in captivity for many years, and he has the ability - if he acts foolishly - to kill him. So continue applying pressure on him, do not stop pursuing him, and do not believe his lies.

"A Message of Hope and Glad Tidings to Our People in Egypt" is also a message of hope and glad tidings to our brothers in prison.

And our final prayer is that all praise be to Allah, the Lord of all that exists, and may Allah's prayers and peace be upon our master, Muhammad, and all of his family and companions.

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